now under this strain of paddy in both Malayattur and Vellarapilly, i. e., about 70 acres now.

Demonstration of spraying Bordeaux mixture for arecanut mahali was carried out in a few private gardens in 1110 and a few machines were lent by the department to the ryots in that year. The disease is now under control.

A teacher, who was trained in Agriculture (Mr. P. Poulose of the St. Mary's School, Malayattur), is from this year engaged to give Agricultural advice to ryots in Malayattur and Vellarapilly in his off duty hours.

A survey of the arecanut leaf disease prevalent in Malayattur was made this year and the disease is under investigation by the Economic Botanist and the Plant Pathologist of the cocoanut leaf disease Research scheme.

All leaflets published by the department have been distributed in the area and many requests for advice on Agricultural matters attended to.

Two lectures were also delivered at the instance of Co-operative Societies of the locality one on Live Stock improvements in 1111 at Kizhakkumbhagom and another in 1112 on manures and manuring at Kanjur.

(*b*) There are already two Veterinary Hospitals and a camp Hospital in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. The Government cannot afford to open another Hospital in the Taluk. There are Touring Veterinary Inspectors to attend to the urgent calls of the ryots.

Stud Bull can be given free on loan to any private individuals, Co-operative Society or Panchayat for maintenance according to the rules framed by the Government, or, a grant not exceeding Rs. 100 per year can be given if any one offers to purchase and maintain a bull of good pedigree. The Government are not able now to station a Stud Bull at their expense.

KIZHAKKE-CHALAKKUDI-PARIYARAM ROAD— CONSTRUCTION OF.

96. Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the necessity of connecting Kizhakke-Chalakkudi-Pariyaram road with the Pariyaram Church road;

(*b*) is not three-fourths of this road now completed;

(*c*) what is the distance yet to be covered by this road, for reaching the Pariyaram Church road?

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) Yes. The connection road is estimated to cost Rs. 2,600.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) One furlong.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: While, this road is under the P. W. D. why should the Panchayat take up this work?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The Panchayat has not taken up that work.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: In the answer, it is stated that only a furlong length distance of road is to be constructed and that it costs Rs. 2,600 for the work. Why is the cost so much?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There are a lot of wet lands to be acquired and it is an admitted fact that we have to pay much more in the case of wet lands. Further there is the need for the embankment method.

SIRKAR WELLS IN KOLINJAMPARA.

97. Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many Sirkar wells are there in the Kolinjampara firka in the Chittur taluk;

(*b*) when were they constructed;

(*c*) had all of them contained water in the months of Meenam, Medam and Edavam last;

(*d*) if so, how many of them had water and how many had not;

(*e*) whether they have tried to see if water can be had by boring when they found that these wells are unfit for the purpose conceived;

(*f*) have any complaints regarding the scarcity of water in the Panchayat wells from any—from private persons or from Panchayats—been received till now;

(*g*) if so, what have the Government done to minimise the complaint?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:

(*a*) Twenty-three.

(*b*) Prior to 1113.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Twelve and eleven respectively.

(*e*) Yes.

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